

**PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 18, 2010**

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, John Christensen, Chuck Collins and Howard Williams were present.

The members present did not represent a quorum.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter, Bob Gates, John O'Reilly and Tom Ricotta.

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Dan Thompson, John Otto and Jim Swain.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken.

Ms. Finnila led a moment of silence for Bill Guier, a PAAC member who had passed away the previous weekend. The PAAC members and Mr. Swain commented on Mr. Guier's life and presented some pictures of his memorial gathering at the airport.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Due to the lack of quorum, this motion agenda item was not conducted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

John Puhek, of the Marbrisa subdivision in Carlsbad, commented about planes flying low over his home being bad neighbors.

James Lambert of San Marcos, CA commented both on towers recently constructed by SDG&E near his home and low flying planes. He said that the towers are higher than SDG&E had indicated they would be. Mr. Lambert put the PAAC “on notice” and warned that he would hold the PAAC members and the Airport staff responsible if anything happens in his neighborhood. He also commented on discussions about airport expansion.

#### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater reported that County Airports staff would miss Mr. Guier. He commented on the SDG&E Towers and the FAA procedures for investigating alteration of property in and around an airport traffic area. Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Vasquez will follow up on the situation and the height of the towers, although Mr. Drinkwater believes that proper procedures have been followed. Mr. Swain commented on his research into low flights in Mr. Lambert’s neighborhood. Mr. Drinkwater commented on the new flight tracking programs that will soon be available to the public. He also briefly discussed the Regional Aviation Strategic Plan (RASP).

#### **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS SUBMITTALS – UPDATE/FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT** – J. O’Reilly and J. Swain

There was nothing new to report.

#### **AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT** – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 12,210
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 12,210
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 2,375
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: 4,678
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Total Passengers: 4,678
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 393 concerns by 14 people.
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 393
- ➔ Community Noise Concern Callers by area: Southwest: 11; Southeast: 1  
Northwest: 1; Northeast: 1; Out of Area: 0
- ➔ Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 113; Low: 212; Over flights: 68; Unknown: 0.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 234; 1700-2200: 51; 2200-0700: 108.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propeller: 277; Jet: 93; Helicopter: 21; No Aircraft Type: 2
- ➔ Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 60.
- ➔ Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 8.
- ➔ Collins Noise Index for Community Concerns = 0.07 people /1000 operations.
- ➔ Palomar Airport Operational Benefit Index = 173.2 people/1000 population received direct benefit.

Mr. Swain and Mr. Drinkwater took a question regarding the downward trend of operations at the airport.

**STAFF REPORT** – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported that the flight operations web track should be live and available to the public by the next PAAC meeting. The ANOMS system is currently being used to assist the airport staff to investigate concerns. An interior road on the airport, near Magellan Aviation and Jet Source, will be re-constructed over a five day period, starting in early March. Ms. Finnila asked that a small tutorial on the web tracking system be conducted in April.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

The committee members comments referenced the April 15, 2010 PAAC meeting agenda and are stated below.

**SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2010.**

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on April 15, 2010. Ms. Finnila commented that the elections for PAAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be held at the April PAAC meeting. She requested that any PAAC members interested in running for those positions contact Dan Thompson ahead of time. Ms. Finnila will see about scheduling a RASP briefing for the PAAC at a later date. The April meeting will include a budget presentation from Kathleen Bute of the County Airports staff. Ms. Finnila asked that Mr. Drinkwater present his findings on the SDG&E tower height matter at the April PAAC meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I